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1. PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV. NATIONAL EVENING
TELEVISION NEWS (JULY 30) DEVOTED SEVEN OUT OF TOTAL OF
TWENTY MINUTES ON HELSINKI EVENTS TO PRESIDENT'S MEETING
WITH BREZHNEV. TV COVERAGE INCLUDED INFORMAL PRESS
CONFERENCE AT END OF MEETING. ALL CENTRAL PRESS FRONT-
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PAGES TASS ITEM REPORTING MEETING. TASS REPORTS

DISCUSSION COVERED BILATERAL AFFAIRS INCLUDING SALT AND SAYS "OPINIONS WERE EXCHANGED" ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. TASS ITEM ALSO REPORTS INFORMAL NEWS CONFERENCE AND BEZHNEV'S HOPE THAT CSCE WILL INTER ALIA BRING STRICT RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN SEPARATE COMMENTARY ON CSCE, IZVESTIYA (BOVIN) SAYS MOST OF DISCUSSION WAS DEVOTED TO SALT.

2. CSCE.

A. ALL PRESS FRONT-PAGES OPENING OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT. TASS ITEMS OF DIFFERING LENGTHS IN RED STAR, IZVESTIYA, AND PRAVDA REPORT FULL TEXT OF KEKKONEN'S OPENING STATEMENT WITH EXCERPTS OR PARAPHRASES OF SPEECHES BY OTHER FIRST-DAY PARTICIPANTS. COMMUNIST STATE SPEAKERS RECEIVED FULLER TREATMENT, THOUGH WILSON AND SCHMIDT ARE ALLOTTED APPROXIMATELY ONE PAGE-LENGTH COLUMN. PARAPHRASE OF SCHMIDT SPEECH INCLUDES HIS REFERENCE TO PEACEFUL CHANGE OF FRONTIERS AND HIS "EMPHASIS" ON IMPORTANCE OF CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, COOPERATION IN CULTURE AND EDUCATION, INCREASE IN TOURISM, AND CREATION OF BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS. HIS REFERENCE TO RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IS ALSO CARRIED, THOUGH WILSON'S WAS DROPPED.

B. SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTARY ON EVENTS AT CSCE IS STILL AT A MINIMUM. TEAM OF WRITERS LED BY ZHUKOV FOR PRAVDA AND BOVIN FOR IZVESTIYA WRITE ATMOSPHERE PIECES WHICH MAKE INTER ALIA FOLLOWING POINTS. BOTH NOTE THAT SPEAKERS ARE EMPHASIZING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT BUT ALL ARE BOUND BY SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. ZHUKOV BLASTS "REACTIONARY BOURGEOIS PRESS/ FOR INSISTING THAT ONLY COMMUNIST BLOC STANDS TO GAIN FROM CONFERENCE. BOVIN SAYS BASKET I IS THE FULCRUM OF THE AGREEMENT AND IS DISCUSSION OF TEN PRINCIPLES EMPHASIZES RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS, INCLUDING RIGHT TO MAKE OWN LAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS.

C. ALL CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TO REPLAY INTERNATIONAL PRESS COMMENTARY ON CSCE. ONLY U.S. REACTION CARRIED ARE COMMENTS BY CYRUS EATON. EATON WAS ALSO SOLE AMERICAN VOICE FEATURED ON NATIONAL EVENING TV NEWS.

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3. OTHER BILATERAL. PRAVDA NOTES INTRODUCTION BY JAVITS AND PERCY OF SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL GUN LAW IN CONGRESS. TASS COMMENTS IN WILL NOT SOLVE U.S. CRIME PROBLEM. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS ADDITIONAL LAYOFFS BY BOEING AND NEW YORK PROTEST MEETING ON CITY TRANSIT FARE INCREASES.

4. PORTUGAL. SIGNED REPORT FROM LISBON NOTES OTHELLO DE

CARVALHO RETURN FROM CUBA AND INTERVIEW WITH FRANCE
PRESSE. REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF CONTROVERSIAL STATEMENTS
BY OTELLO ON POSSIBLE NEED FOR REPRESSION IN ORDER TO
INSURE SUCCESS OF REVOLUTION.

5. LATIN AMERICA. PRAVDA' SPECIAL COORESPONDENT IN SAN
JOSE REPORTS THE CONCLUSION OF THE OAS MEETING AND THE
VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION ALLOWING EACH COUNTRY
TO DETERMINE ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH CUBA. PRAVDA NOTES
THAT SIXTEEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES VOTED FOR THE
RESOLUTION, AND THAT THE U.S. JOINED THEM.
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